

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PHENYLMALONIC ACID  
DINITRILES

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

The Office Action mailed on October 3, 2006 has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 3, 2006. This Amendment and Response represents a complete response thereto.

Applicants do not believe a fee is due in association with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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